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TAGS: ETRD, EAGR, OTRA, PN

SUBJECT: SUGAR: VISIT OF MINISTER OF COMMERCE TO WASHINGTON

REF: A) TELCON ARA/PAN/WAGNER-DHDANIELS/PANAMA 8/30;

B) STATE 206267; C) PANAMA 6222

1. AS REPORTED REF A) MINISTER OF COMMERCE JULIO SOSA WILL MEET IN DEPARTMENT AT 1500 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, WITH ARA/PAN MR. WAGNER AND EB/ORF MR. BURNS; ALSO WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ IF POSSIBLE OR MR. ALLAN WENDT SAME AFTERNOON.

2. SOSA WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MESSRS. RAUL DEL VALLE AND CARLOS ARIAS, MANAGERS OF PRIVATE SUGAR FIRMS AZUCARERA NACIONAL AND LA ESTRELLA AND PROBABLY ECON OFFICER FROM PANAMANIAN EMBASSY D.C.

3. WE UNDERSTAND SOSA WILL JOIN PANAMA DELEGATION GEPLACEA SUGAR MEETING IN KINGSTON SEPTEMBER 2 AND WILL ATTEND SUGAR MEETING IN GENEVA WHICH BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12.

4. PANAMA PRINCIPAL CONCERN SEEMS TO BE OVER POSSIBLE SUGAR QUOTAS (SEE REF C). PANAMA WOULD ALSO LIKE RELIEF FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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U.S. TARIFF ON IMPORTED SUGAR. CURRENT VALUE OF ANNUAL PANAMA SUGAR EXPORTS TO THE U.S. IS BELOW GSP THRESHOLD FIGURE AND VISITORS MAY ASK FOR EXPLANATION OR JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF TARIFF.  
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